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CONVERSION OF NON GAS BASED UREA PRODUCING UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has announced a policy for conversion of the existing non-gas based urea producing units into gas based units;

(b) if so, whether a time-frame has been fixed for the conversion of said units;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) the details and locations of the gas based urea units functioning in the country, at present;

(e)whether any assessment has been made in regard to the production capacity of the said units and the profits earned by them;

(f)if so, the details thereof;

(g)whether the Government proposes to do away with subsidy for the gas based units as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated February 3, 2007;

(h)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c)

The Government has announced a policy for conversion of existing non gas based producing units into gas based units to promote usage of most efficient and comparatively cheaper feed stock Natural Gas/LNG for production of urea in the country. The policy lays down a definite plan for conversion of all non-gas based urea units to gas within a period of next three years. At present, there are 9 urea units (MFL, SPIC, ZIL, MCFL, SFC, GNFC, NFL-Nangal, NFL-Bhatinda, NFL-Panipat) in the country which are based on naphtha or FO/LSHS as feed stock. Beyond this time limit, the high cost urea produced by these non-gas based units will not be entitled to subsidy at the existing levels and it will be restricted to import parity price of urea. The units, which are unable to tie up gas will have to explore alternative feedstocks like Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and coal gas.

(d) to (f)The details and locations of the gas based urea units functioning in the country including its production capacity is at Annexure-I.

(g) and (h)There is no proposal to do away with the subsidy for the gas based units.

Annexure-I

Details and location of Gas based urea units

S.No.	Name of Plant	Location	Installed Capacity (LMT)	Feedstock
1	KRIBHCO	Hazira	17.292	Gas
2	TCL	Babrala	8.646	Gas
3	KSFL	Shahajahanpur	8.646	Gas
4	IGFL	Jagdishpur	8.646	Gas
5	NFL-Vijaipur-I	Vijaipur	8.646	Gas
6	NFL-Vijaipur-II	Vijaipur	8.746	Gas
7	IFFCO-Aonla-I	Aonla	8.646	Gas
8	IFFCO-Aonla-II	Aonla	8.646	Gas

9 IFFCO-Phulpur-I Phulpur 7.0785 Gas
10 IFFCO-Phulpur-II Phulpur 7.0785 Gas
11 CFCL-Gadepan-I Gadepan 8.646 Gas
12 CFCL-Gadepan-II Gadepan 8.646 Gas
13 NFCL-Kakinada-I Kakinada 5.973 Gas
14 NFCL-Kakinada-II Kakinada 5.973 Gas
15 RCF Thal 17.068 Gas
16 IFFCO Kalol 5.445 Gas
17 GSFC Baroda 3.7059 Gas
19 BVFCL-Namrup-I Namrup 2.775 Gas
20 BVFCL-Namrup-II Namrup 2.775 Gas